

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF MARYLAND

Chambers of
BENSON EVERETT LEGG
Chief Judge

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December 21, 2006

MEMORANDUM TO COUNSEL RE:

In the Matter of the Complaint of Eternity
Shipping, Ltd., et al., for Exoneration from or
Limitation of Liability
Civil #L-01-250

Dear Counsel:

I have received Mr. Brunkenhoefer's letter seeking the Court's advice regarding whether his client, Josefina Gonzales, should participate in the settlement conference scheduled for January 29, 2007. I also have received Mr. Whitman's response.

Magistrate Judge Bredar is handling the settlement conference. Accordingly, whether Ms. Gonzales should participate in the conference is a matter within Judge Bredar's discretion, and I have forwarded your letters to him.

Very truly yours,

/s/

Benson Everett Legg

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